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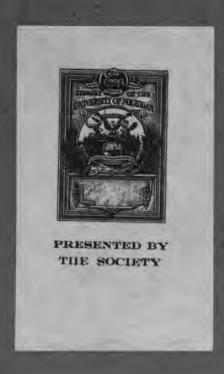
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Rev. Horace Edwin Hayden.

Miss Myra Poland.

George Frederick Coddington.



THE WYOMING HISTORICAL AND GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, WILKES-BARRÉ, PA.

The Wyoming Historical and Geological Society was organized in the old Fell Tavern, Northampton street, Wilkes-Barré, February 11, 1858, to commemorate the successful experiment made by the Hon. Jesse Fell, February 11, 1808, of burning the Wyoming Anthracite Coal in a domestic grate. The Society has had a continuous existence for fifty years.

Its Fiftieth Anniversary will be celebrated February 11, 1908. The Centennial of Jesse Fell's discovery, which has brought such immense wealth to the Wyoming Valley and Northeastern Pennsylvania, will also be celebrated by this Society on the same day.

The experimental grate used by Judge Fell in his discovery has long ceased to exist, but one of his grates made and used by him in his home is preserved in the Society Rooms.

The Society was organized to cover the original limits of Luzerne County (1858), therefore extends over the entire Counties of Luzerne, Wyoming and Lackawanna.

MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of the Society is divided into Honourary, Corresponding and Resident members, and the latter into Life Members and Annual Members; the annual dues being five dollars, and the Life Members' dues, which cover all financial obligations and constitute on invested "Life Membership Fund," one hundred dollars.

The Life Memberships number 150, of whom nine subscriptions are not yet due, thus the Life Membership Fund is \$14,100.

Any person who contributes to the Society at one time a sum not less than One Thousand Dollars, will be placed on the Life Membership list as a "Benefactor."

BUILDING.

The Home of the Society is a handsome edifice of brick in the rear of the "Osterhout Free Library," South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barré, facing the street. This building is provided by the will of the late Isaac S. Osterhout, a member of the Society, who, in founding the well-established "Osterhout Free Library" of this city, generously provided this Society with a permanent home, free from all charges of rent, light, heat or repairs. No financial aid was given with this fine legacy. The building itself is 40 feet wide by 60 feet long, and three stories high. Its interior furnishing of cases, desks, etc., is the work of the Society. It is supplied with a fine large fire proof safe in which the rare manuscripts of the Society are preserved.

LIBRARY.

The Library of the Society contains 18,000 books and pamphlets, very few of which are duplicated by either the "Osterhout Free Library" of 38,000 books, or the "Albright Free Library" of Scranton, Pa., of 53,000 books.

Of the Society books, 16,000 are on American History and Genealogy, and 2000 on Geology. The Library has also 1200 bound volumes of local newspapers; the only full set of United States "Statutes at Large" in Northeastern Pennsylvania; and, being also a Pennsylvania State Depository and a United States Depository, contains every title published by the State and the General Government.

The Department of Genealogy, English and American, contains nearly 1000 volumes.

While this Society is a private institution, supported solely by the dues of its members, and the income from its own endowment, it has opened its library and museum for reference and study to the public *free*, each week day from 10 A. M. to 5 P. M. The annual visiting list of schools, classes and individuals numbers between 6000 and 7000 persons.

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As before stated, the "Osterhout Free Library," whose building is only 25 feet distant from the Society Rooms, and also the Scranton Free Library, 20 miles to the East of Wilkes-Barré, two libraries aggregating near 100,000 volumes, buy very few books on American History and Geology, and none on Genealogy, but refer all students to the library of this Society for such subjects. It is therefore the purveyor of these three lines of study for almost the entire Northeastern portion of Pennsylvania.

Of magazines alone, pertaining to these subjects, the Society keeps on file one hundred not found in the above free libraries.

A card catalogue, covering all the books in the library (except those of the United States Depository of about 4000 volumes) facilitates research, and the Librarians gladly serve all inquirers who visit the institution. Owing to the lack of funds the work of cataloguing the Depository books and the large annual additions to the library has been necessarily suspended.

GEOLOGY.

The Geological department of the Society contains 2000 books and pamphlets on Geology, including nearly complete sets of the publications of the Geological surveys of the United States Government, Canada, and Mexico, and the surveys of the various States of the Union, Geological magazines, etc.

The Geological cabinets contain the fine collection of 5000 Paleozoic fossils presented by the late Ralph D. Lacoe; and the Christian H. Scharar collection of nearly 1000 Paleozoic fossils from the outcropping of the Carboniferous limestone at Mill Creek, Luzerne County, Pa., now covered by tons of culm; also 3000 carefully arranged mineralogical specimens, with about 3000 fine examples of the anthracite coal flora, Paleobotany, numbering 200 types arranged by the late Curator R. D. Lacoe, and classified by him and Prof. Leo Lesquereux.

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The Paleozoic Collection is kept in a separate room, with an excellent library for the use of students. It is, however, made practical to the public, and especially to schools and students, by a carefully arranged case, in the Geological Room, containing representative specimens showing the Terrestrial strata from the Archaean to the Cenozoic age.

ETHNOLOGY.

The Ethnological department of the Society contains an excellent library on the subject, and an unusually fine collection of Indian relics of the highest quality, almost wholly from the watershed of the Susquehanna River and numbering fully 25,000 pieces.

This includes the "A. J. Griffith Collection", found in and around Pittston; the "Colonel Zebulon Butler Collection," from the Wyoming Valley; the "L. Dennison Stearns Collection" and others, and especially the "Christopher Wren Collection" of 10,000 pieces from the Susquehanna river region from the New York line to the West Branch, formed and presented by the Curator of Ethnology and bearing his name. Also the superior collection made by A. F. Berlin of Allentown, of 3000 pieces, one-third of which are from Pennsylvania and the rest from other parts of the United States. This last collection, bought by the Society, contains many exceedingly fine and rare pieces from Maine to Oregon, from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico.

The collection of Indian pots in the possession of the Society (fifteen in number and all local) has been pronounced the finest collection of Algonquin pottery in the United States.

There are also valuable collections of Colonial domestic utensils, Revolutionary and Wyoming Massacre relics, mementoes of the War of 1812, the Mexican War, and the Civil War, 1861-1865, and the war with Spain, also Hawaian fabrics, Egyptian, Chinese, Japanese, Philippine, African and other countries. The American articles are worthy of a visit to the Rooms.

PUBLICATIONS.

The Society has issued nine volumes of "Proceedings and Collections," and twenty-five pamphlet titles, containing various papers on American History, Geology, Ethnology, Numismatics, etc.

These volumes are well known in historical and scientific circles. Each member receives them without cost. The remainders are used for exchanges or are sold to increase the special funds of the Society.

Volume IX was issued in 1906. Volume X is ready for the printer, but owing to the lack of funds, and the great increase of the cost of printing, fully 100 per cent, its issue will be delayed until the financial condition improves.

MEETINGS.

The Society holds at least four regular meetings annually, for the transaction of business, the reading of papers, or the delivery of lectures by selected persons on the subjects pertaining to the purposes of the institution, to which meetings the interested public is invited.

Several meetings are also held annually under the auspices of the Coal Companies, at which free lectures are given by expert speakers, illustrated when possible, on some subject connected with the coal industry, for the profit of inspectors, managers and foremen of the mines, who attend in large numbers.

FINANCES.

During the first 25 years of its existence the Society had no Endowment fund. In 1889, by the sale of a lot on Washington Street, a part of the "Old Graveyard," donated to the Society in 1870 by the City of Wilkes-Barre, a fund of \$4,500 was created, and later increased to \$5000 by five Life Memberships. When the present Librarian entered upon his duties as such, in 1897, the Endowment fund had reached, by

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addition of Life Memberships, \$8000, of which he had personally secured \$2000. In the past ten years the Librarian has raised the \$8000 to over \$25,000, carefully invested by the Trustees at five and six per cent.

But the Society has grown so rapidly in those ten years that its needs exceed its income and demand a larger Endowment. Its well selected library and its scientific cabinets have become very important educational factors, and of the thousands that annually visit the Society fully ten per cent., between 600 and 700 persons, come for the purpose of study.

At the 49th Annual Meeting, February 10, 1907, it was unanimously resolved to celebrate the Semi-centennial, the 50th anniversary, of the founding of the Society; and also the Centennial of Judge Fell's successful experiment in burning Wyoming Anthracite Coal for domestic use, by increasing the Endowment Fund of the Society to \$50,000.

The following members were appointed a Committee to carry this resolution into effect:

Major Irving A. Stearns, President.

Messrs. Edward Welles, Henry H. Ashley, Andrew F. Derr, Richard Sharpe, Andrew Hunlock, Trustees.

Rev. Horace E. Hayden, Librarian.

Sidney R. Miner, Recording Secretary.

Charles W. Bixby, Treasurer.

The appeal is a most earnest and urgent one to the public spirit of our members, who are among the most liberal and able citizens of the old County of Luzerne of 1858.

The Society is one that confers honour on its members.

Its reputation is widely known all over this continent.

Its publications have attracted the attention of Historical and Scientific Societies and scholars throughout the Union.

Its value as an educator is recognized all over the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

\$25,400 00

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SPECIAL FUNDS.

Permanently invested at 5% the Special Funds of the So-
ciety are:
 "Harrison Wright Fund," given by Wright family, yields \$50 for English Family History \$1,000 00 "Sheldon Reynolds Fund," given by Reynolds
family, yields \$50 for scarce American History. 1,000 00 3. "Ralph D. Lacoe Fund," given by the Society and his family (minimum \$1000) now yields
\$40 for Lacoe collections
Geology
Ethnology
Geological lecture
ents, yields \$50 for general expenses 1,000 00 8. "Col. Matthias Hollenback Fund," given by John Welles Hollenback, yields \$50 for general
expenses
\$710 for general expenses
10. "General Fund," yields \$215 for expenses. 4,300 00

No. 3 and 4 will be completed ultimately by sale of Society publications. No. 5 by descendants. No. 9 will reach \$15,000 by subscriptions due Dec. 31, 1907.

Annual income from funds.....\$1,257 00

Annual income from dues.....

INVESTMENTS.

\$25,400 00

FINANCIAL NEEDS OF THE SOCIETY.

The attention of all persons interested in Historical, Genealogical and Geological research is called to the following estimate of the financial needs of the Society, the money to be permanently invested:

For a Publication Fund, to cover the issue of the annual volume, the material return to each member for his dues, the cost of which averages annually \$500.....\$10,000 00

For a Binding Fund to bind books, for which already over 500 volumes have been waiting several years

Owing to the necessity of meeting the deficiency in the Cataloguing Fund the Society has been compelled to draw from its Current Fund \$400 which is not yet replaced.

We need much additional shelving, cases, etc., and the Library and Collections must suffer until these are provided.

By order of the Committee,

Horace Edwin Hayden,
Corresponding Secretary and Librarian.

CHARTER.

To the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County:

The petition of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society respectfully represents: That they are an association duly incorporated under the laws of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by the decree of this Court duly made on the 10th day of May, A. D. 1858, for literary and scientific purposes, such as are embraced within corporations of the first class specified in section second of an act of the General Assembly of this commonwealth entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved on the 20th day of April, A. D. 1874. That in pursuance of the provisions of the said act of the General Assembly, they are desirious of improving, amending and altering the articles and conditions of their charter so as to come under the provisions of and have the powers and immunities of the said act of General Assembly and its supplements, the same as though they were originally incorporated thereunder, and to abolish, abandon, and be forever released from all and singular the articles and conditions of their present charter which in any manner do or may conflict or interfere with the same, or with the certificate and provisions hereinafter set forth; and at a meeting of said corporation, duly convened, the following improvements, amendments and alterations of the said charter were duly adopted:

The first section or article of said old charter shall be left as it now stands, so as to read as follows, to-wit:

I. The name of this corporation shall be the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society.

The second section of article of said old charter shall be amended and altered so as to read as follows, to-wit:

II. The purposes for which it is chartered are literary, scientific and historical, for the collection and maintenance of a library and museum, and especially for the collection and preservation of relics and records connected with, and calculated to elucidate, the history of Wyoming Valley and its vicinity.

And to strike out and annul all the other sections of said old charter, and amend and alter the same so as to read as follows, to-wit:

- III. The place where the business of said association is to be transacted is Wilkes-Barré, Pennsylvania.
 - IV. The term for which it is to exist is perpetual.

V. The corporation has no capital stock. The membership thereof shall be composed of the present members, and of such other persons as may, from time to time, be admitted by vote, in such manner and upon such requirements as may be prescribed by the by-laws. The said corporation shall nevertheless have power to exclude, expel or suspend members for such just and legal causes, and in such legal manner as may be ordained and directed by the by-laws.

VI. The oversight and management of the said corporation shall be vested in a board of five Trustees, and such officers of the corporation as may, under the by-laws, be Trustees ex-officio. The said five Trustees shall be elected annually by members of the corporation on such day and at such place as may be fixed by the by-laws. The said Trustees shall hold their offices until the next annual election, and until their successors are legally elected, subject, nevertheless, to the power of a motion of any Trustee from the said office by the said corporation for legal cause and upon such proper and legal notice and hearing as may be provided by the by-laws. The names and residences of those chosen Trustees, who shall hold office until the next annual election of Trustees, and until their successors are legally elected, are:

CHARLES F. INGHAM, M. D., Wilkes-Barré, Pa. EDWARD P. DARLING, Esq., Wilkes-Barré, Pa. RALPH D. LACOE, Esq., Pittston, Pa. SHELDON REYNOLDS, Esq., Wilkes-Barré, Pa. HARRISON WRIGHT, Esq., Wilkes-Barré, Pa.

This corporation shall be subject to the provisions of, and have all the powers, immunities and privileges granted, or intended to be granted, to corporations of the first class, by the above recited act of Assembly, approved 29th of April, A. D. 1874, and its supplements.

VII. The by-laws of this corporation shall be deemed and taken to be its laws, subordinate to the statute aforesaid, this charter, the constitution and laws of the United States, and of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania. They shall be altered and amended as provided for by one of the by-laws themselves, and shall prescribe the powers and functions of the Trustees herein, and those to be hereafter elected; the times and place of meeting of the Trustees and of the members of this corporation for the various purposes and needs of this corporation; the number of members who shall constitute a quorum at the meeeting of the members of this corporation and of the Trustees; the qualifications and manner of electing members; the manner of electing officers, and the powers and duties of such officials and all other the concerns and internal management of said corporation.

VIII. These amendments shall be deemed and taken to be subject to and under the present constitution of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the act of General Assembly aforesaid, and its supplements, their purpose and object being to come within the provisions of and to possess the powers and immunities of the same.

X. All articles and provisions of the said constitution, granted May 10th, A. D. 1858, which in anywise interfere with the foregoing provisions, are hereby annulled, superseded by and merged into this amended charter.

The foregoing report of the committee, in form of petition to the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne county, passed third reading at the meeting of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, held December 1st, A. D. 1882, was voted upon by sections and unanimously adopted, and committee (consisting of Edward P. Darling, J. W. Hollenback and W. P. Ryman) continued with request to press to confirmation by the court.

Certified from the records of the society.

SEAL OF SOCIETY.

HARRISON WRIGHT, Rec. Sec'y, Wyoming Historical and Geological Society.

Luzerne County, ss:

In the Common Pleas, No. 158, January term, 1883. In the matter of the amendment of the charter of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society:

And now, the 11th day of December, A. D. 1882, the foregoing amendment and alterations of the charter of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society having been duly presented to this Court, in order that the same might be deemed and taken to be part of the charter of said corporation, and it appearing that such amendments and alterations are lawful and beneficial, and do not conflict with the requirements of the act of the General Assembly of this commonwealth, entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved the 29th day of April, 1874, nor with the constitution of this State, it is hereby ordered and decreed that notice thereof shall be given by publication in accordance with the statute in such case made and provided.

By THE COURT.

And now, this 15th day of January, A. D. 1883, the within amendments, alterations and improvements having been presented to this Court, accompanied by due proof of publication of notice thereof, and no cause having been shown to the con-

trary, it is, on motion of W. P. Ryman, Esq., ordered and decreed that upon the recording of the same the said amendments, alterations and improvements as within set forth, shall be deemed and taken to be the charter of the said corporation.

By the Court.

CHARLES E. RICE, President Judge.

State of Pennsylvania, County of Luzerne, ss:

Recorded in the office for recording deeds, etc., in and for said county, in Charter Book No. 1, page 527, etc.

Witness my hand and official seal, at Wilkes-Barré, this 15th day of January, 1882.

SEAL.

C. J. Volkenand, Recorder.

per H. W. Heidenreich,
Deputy.

BY-LAWS.

MEMBERSHIP.

- I. The membership shall consist of four classes: Resident, Corresponding, Honorary and Life.
- 2. The election of members shall be by ballot, and three-fourths of all ballots shall be necessary to elect. The names of candidates for membership, together with the names of the members by whom they are proposed, shall be read at a meeting of the society, and shall not be balloted for until the next succeeding stated meeting. Candidates for resident membership shall make application in writing.

Amended as follows: All names proposed for membership shall be referred to the Board of Trustees as a committee on membership, and upon the affirmative recommendation of a majority of such committee shall be voted upon at any meeting of the Society. The Board of Trustees may, by majority approval, place any name on the Life Membership roll on payment of one hundred dollars.

3. Any person not residing within the original limits of the county of Luzerne may be elected a corresponding member. A resident member upon removing from the county may become a corresponding member, on giving notice of his removal and paying all arrears; a corresponding member cannot continue such after returning to the county for permanent residence, but may become a resident member.

4. Any person of recognized attainments in science or belleslettres shall be eligible to honorary membership.

- 5. No member who shall be in arrears for two years shall be entitled to vote or be eligible to any office; and any failure to pay annual dues for two consecutive years, after due notice from the Treasurer, shall be considered a forfeiture of membership; and no person whose name shall be expunged from the rolls of the society under the provisions of this clause shall be reinstated without the payment of his arrears, and then only at a regular meeting, by a majority vote of the members present.
- 6. The fiscal year of the Society shall begin January first. Resident members shall pay, upon admission, the sum of five dollars, and after the next succeeding annual meeting the sum of five dollars each year, excepting that persons elected after October 1st in any year shall be exempt from payment of dues for that year. The payment of one hundred dollars at one time by a member not in arrears shall constitute him a life-member, with an exemption from all future payments. Any person contributing to the Society at any one time a sum of not less than

one thousand dollars shall be placed on the Life Membership list as a "Benefactor." The Life Membership list shall be published annually.

All moneys received on account of life-memberships shall be securely invested by the Board of Trustees in the name of the Society, and shall form a fund to be called the Life-Membership Fund, the interest only of which shall be available for the uses of the Society. The fund called the Harrison Wright Fund, and any other such special fund shall be likewise invested and the interest used. The Trustees shall pay to the Treasurer annually the accrued interest of said funds, or add the same to the funds as fley deem for the best interests of the Society. Corresponding and honorary members shall not be required to pay an entrance fee or annual dues.

7. Resignation of membership shall be made in writing addressed to the President of the Society,

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

- 8. The officers of the Society shall be a President, a board of five Trustees, four Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, a Librarian, an Assistant Librarian, five Curators, a Meteorologist, and a Historiographer. The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting, and hold office for one year, and until their successors are elected.
- 9. The President, or in his absence, the highest officer present, shall preside at all meetings of the Society, and regulate the order thereof, and when required give the casting vote. The President shall be ex-officio Chairman of the Board of Trustees.
- 10. The Recording Secretary shall keep full minutes of all meetings, and have the same transcribed into a book of record. He shall have custody of the by-laws, records, and all papers appertaining to his office. He shall give notice of the time and place of all meetings.
- 11. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct all the correspondence, and preserve on file all communications addressed to the Society. He shall keep a letter-press, or other fair copy of all letters written by him, and read at each meeting such part of the correspondence as the President may direct. He shall notify officers and members of their election, and communicate all special votes to parties interested therein, and acknowledge all gifts to the several departments.
- 12. The Treasurer shall collect the annual dues of the members, and other income of the Society, and deposit the money in one of the Wilkes-Barré banks to the credit of the Society, subject to the check of the Treasurer. He shall pay under proper vouchers all the ordinary expenses of the Society; and shall, at the annual

meeting, present a statement of the receipts and expenditures during the year, together with a full report of the financial condition of the Society. He shall give a bond for the faithful performance of his duties in a sum to be fixed by the Trustees, and by them held as security.

- 13. The Librarian shall preserve and arrange in proper order all books, pamphlets, documents, manuscripts and other papers of the Society, and keep a catalogue of the same, numbering them with the proper numbers of both the general and special catalogues. He shall keep a record of all gifts and bequests to this department, with the date and name of the donor.
- 14. There shall be one Curator for each of the following departments: Archæology and History; Numismatics; Geology and Mineralogy; Paleontology, and Paleozoology, or the Lacoe Fossil Collection. Each Curator shall have the charge and management of the special department assigned to his care, and shall arrange, classify and catalogue the same in such manner as shall be approved by the Cabinet Committee. He shall keep a record of all gifts to his department, together with the date and name of donor. When, however, in the judgment of the Cabinet Committee additional aid is needed in any department above named, assistant Curators may be appointed or electel from members of the Society, whose work shall be under the direction of the Curator of such department and of the Cabinet Committee.
- 15. The Trustees shall have entire charge of the business management of the affairs of the Society. They shall examine and audit the accounts of the Treasurer, and authorize and direct the investment of the surplus funds. They shall make such appropriations from the funds for the library, cabinets and other purposes as in their judgment shall seem necessary. They shall have the power to remit the dues of members in cases when circumstances render it proper.
- 16. The President, Librarian and the five Curators shall constitute a Cabinet Committee who shall have supervisory care of the library and collections. They shall direct the manner of expenditure of the moneys appropriated by the Trustees for the maintenance and increase of the library and cabinets, and provide suitable cases, fixtures and supplies, and have authority to make exchanges. They shall make a detailed report at the annual meeting showing the condition of the departments under their care.
- 17. A Publishing Committee shall be appointed by the President, consisting of three members, to hold office one year, who shall prepare for publication and superintend the printing and distribution to members of all papers and documents which by the Society are ordered to be printed. The publications not distributed to members or exchanged with kindred societies shall be sold by the

Trustees and the proceeds added to the Harrison Wright Fund and such other funds as they think best.

- 18. The Meteorologist shall keep a record of the temperature, barometric pressure, direction and velocity of winds, degree of cloudiness, and amount of rainfall by daily observations, and as nearly as practicable at the hours adopted by the U. S. Signal Service department, and submit reports thereof at each stated meeting.
- 19. The Historiographer shall collate and keep a record of such current events of local or public interest as he may deem worthy of preservation; and prepare notices of members deceased during his term of office.

MISCELLANEOUS.

- 20. The annual meeting shall be held on the eleventh day of February, at eight o'clock P. M.; in case, however, the same falls on Sunday, the meeting shall be held on the preceding Saturday. Stated meetings thereafter shall be held on the second Friday of May, October and December, at eight o'clock in the evening, at the hall of the Society. The President may call special meetings whenever he shall deem it necessary. Seven members shall constitut a quorum at any meeting.
- 21. The Trustees shall hold regular meetings four times each year, to-wit: on the day of the stated or called meetings of the Society; also adjourned and special meetings as may be necessary. A majority of the Trustees shall be a quorum.
- 22. All reports of committees must be in writing and addressed to the President, and shall be recorded by the Recording Secretary.
- 23. All books, pamphlets and manuscripts shall be regularly numbered and marked with the name "Wyoming Historical and Geological Society," and bear the proper numbers of the general and special catalogues.
- 24. All gifts to the library or cabinet shall, when practicable, have the name of the donor attached thereto.
- 25. No article belonging to the Society shall be taken from the rooms without permission of the Cabinet Committee.
- 26. No person shall have the right to use any manuscript of the Society in the preparation of any paper or essay unless such paper or essay shall be read before the Society and become its property.
- 27. The Society shall select, at the annual meeting, one of the members, or some other suitable person, to deliver an address at the succeeding annual meeting.
- 28. If any member shall violate the laws and regulations of the Society with intent to injure its interests, written charges may be preferred against such member at any meeting, and, after reason-

able notice and hearing, the Society may, at the next stated meeeting, by a three-fourths affirmative vote of all members present, fine, suspend or expell the offending member.

- 29. The by-laws may be amended at a stated meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present; provided the proposed amendments shall have been read at the stated meeting next preceding.
- 30. Cushing's Manual shall be deemed and taken as part of the law of this Society, subject, however, to its charter and by-laws.

ORDER OF BUSINESS AT ALL MEETINGS OTHER THAN ANNUAL MEETINGS.

- I. The Recording Secretary shall enter on the minutes the names of members present.
- Minutes of last stated, and of any subsequent special, II. meeting read for correction and approval.
- III. Acknowledgment of contributions.

- IV. Reading of correspondence.
 V. Nominations for membership.
 VI. Balloting for candidates for membership.
- VII. Reports of officers and committees.
- VIII. Deferred business.
 - IX. New business.
 X. Addresses.
 - XI. Adjournment.

ORDER OF BUSINESS AT ANNUAL MEETINGS.

- I. Meeting opened with prayer.
 II. Recording names of members present.
- III. Reading of minutes of last stated and all subsequent meetings.
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IN THE

WYOMING HISTORICAL AND GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, 1907.

	Subject. Artist. Donor.
ı.	THOMAS FERRIER ATHERTON,
2.	WILLIAM HIBBARD ALEXANDER, Carpenter Miss E. I. Alexander. Original Member, 1858. Died 1864. Early Wyoming Surveyor.
3.	Miss Emily Isabella Alexander, Carpenter Miss C. M. Alexander. Member, 1881. Life Member, 1889. Died 1897.
4.	COLONEL ISAAC BARRÉ, 1726-1802 (Engraving) Harrison Wright. Adjutant General British Army under Wolfe, 1759, at Quebec. Member Parliament. Great Friend of America. Wilkes-Barré was named for him and Col. John Wilkes, q. v. Died 1802.
5•	GENERAL LORD BUTLER, 1761-1824, (Lithograph). Son of Col. Zebulon Butler. Deputy Quarter Master General at Wyoming, 1778, aged 17. Brigadier General, 1799. First Sheriff Luzerne county, 1787. Member Supreme Executive Council of Penn'a, 1789. First Post Master Wilkes-Barré, 1794-1802, etc. "A Survivor of the Massacre."
6.	MRS. LORD BUTLER (Polly Pierce) (Lithograph) Mrs. S. Woodward. 1763-1834. Grand daughter of Maj. Ezekiel Pierce, original settler of Wyoming, 1762.
7.	CAPTAIN NATHAN BEACH, 1763-1845, Anonymous . Mrs. W. M. Alexander. One of the Forty settlers, 1769. Revolutionary soldier. "Survivor of the Massacre, 1778." Founder of Beach Haven. Member Pennsylvania Legislature, 1807-1808. Died 1845.
8.	Thomas Broderick, (<i>Photograph</i>). Member, 1860-1886. Died 1886. Fourth Mayor of Wilkes-Barré, 1880.
9.	LIBUT. ELISHA BLACKMAN, 1760-1845, Carpenter E. H. Jones. Came to Wyoming 1772. Lieutenant, Capt. W. H. Smith's Co. "Survivor of the Massacre, 1778." Died 1845.
10.	LIEUT. ELISHA BLACKMAN,
11.	HON. JOHN NESBITT CONVNGHAM, LL. D., Leach Mrs. Chas. Parrish. Original Member, 1858. Vice President, 1866, 1867. President, 1869. President Judge Luzerne county, 1851–1870. Died 1871.
12.	LT. COL. JOHN BUTLER CONVNGHAM U.S. A., . Leach Mrs. Chas. Parrish. A Founder of the Society, 1858. Treasurer, 1858-1861. Lt. Col. 52d Pa. Vols., 1861-1865. Lt. Col. U.S. A., 1867-1871. Died 1871.
13.	Hon. Eckley Brinton Coxe, Carpenter Alexander B. Coxe. Member 1866. Life Member, 1889. Vice President, 1884-1895. Died 1895.

14.	BENJAMIN G. CARPENTER, Carpenter . Spring Brook Water Co. President Spring Brook Water Co. Died 1889.
15.	MARTIN CORYELL,
16.	ISAAC ABEL CHAPMAN,
17.	JACOB CIST, 1782-1825,
18.	Capt. James Plater Dennis, (Photograph). Nephew of Judge Jesse Fell. The Founder of this Society, who called the first meeting February 11, 1858. Member, 1858-1887. First Chairman, 1858. Vice President, 1873-1875. Librarian, 1877-1881. Died 1887.
19.	WELDING FELL DENNIS, M. D., (Photograph). 1818-1876. Librarian, 1858, 1859, 1862, 1863. Corresponding Secretary, 1860-1862. President, 1864, 1865. Died 1876.
20.	GENERAL EDMUND LOVELL DANA,
2 I.	REV. DAVIS DIMOCK, 1776-1858, (Photograph). Pastor of the Baptist Church, Wyoming District, 1803-1858. Associate Judge, 1812-1838. Died 1858.
22.	COLONEL CHARLES DORRANCE,
23.	J. VAUGHAN DARLING,
24.	HENRY H. DERR,
25.	THOMPSON DERR,
2 6.	Hon. Henry Mills Fuller, (Photograph). 1820-1860. Member U. S. Congress, Luzerne District, 1851-1853-1855-1857.
27.	BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, LL. D., Peale. Signer of the Declaration of Independence.
28.	BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, LL. D., (Silhouette).
29.	Col. John Franklin, 1749–1831, (Photograph). Captain 24th Conn. Regiment, 1778. Marched his Company to Wyoming July 3, 1778, but was too late to participate in the battle. Served in the Sullivan Campaign, 1779. Justice, 1778–1779. Colonel. High Sherift Luzerne county, 1792. Member Connecticut Assembly, 1781, and Pennsylvania Assembly, 1795–1805.

Wm. Griffith. Donor of the A. J. Griffith Ethnological Collection, 1896. Died 1889. 1744-1821. "Survivor of the Massacre, 1778." Lieutenant Continental Army, 1775-1783. Judge of Luzerne county, 1787-1809. Member Legislature Conn. and Penn'a. Died 1821. Wyoming Light Dragoons, 1858. Colonel 52d Reg. Pa. Vols., 1861-1865. Brigadier General, 1865. Judge Luzerne county, 1867. Governor of Pennsylvania, 1879-1883. Author. Died 1892. 124th Conn. Reg't, 1775-1778. Judge Luzerne county, 1787. First Treasurer Luzerne county. Lt. Colonel First Batt. Luzerne county Militia, 1787-1793. Died 1829. urer Luzerne County Bible Society, 1819-1866. Died 1866. Member since 1868. Vice President, 1876-1878. President, 1879-1880. "Benefactor," 1903. terian Church, Luzerne county, 1840-1876. Died 1876. 37. ALEXANDER HAMILTON, 1757-1804, (Photograph) . . . W. E. Woodruff. Secretary U. S. Treasury, 1789-1795. Died 1804. Wilkes-Barré Merchant. Died 1873. 39. THADDEUS S. HILLARD, (Photograph) . . Mrs. T. S. Hillard. Merchant. Chief Fire Department Wilkes-Barré. Died 1893. 40. CHARLES FARMER INGHAM, M. D., Stearns Family. 1810-1890. Original Member, 1858-1890. Life Member, 1882. Librarian, 1860, 1861, 1864-1867, 1869-1873. Curator, 1884-1890. Trustee, 1884-1889. Vice President, 1884-1885. President, 1862, 1863, 1882, 1883. Eminent Civil Engineer. Assisted in building Fort Sumter, S. C. Built Wilkes-Barré Water Works, 1860; Wilkes-Barré Sewer System, etc. Died 1890. 1819-1890. Historian and Antiquarian. Died 1890. 42. HON. WILLIAM JESSUP, 1797-1868, (Lithograph). Honorary Member, 1859. President Judge Luzerne District, 1838-1841, 1849-1851, and Susquehanna District, 1842-1848. Died 1868.

High Constable of Wilkes-Barré, 1806-1846, and Sexton of the "Old Ship

Zion," the first church in Wilkes-Barré. Died 1846.

43. JOHN MICHAEL KIENZLE, Dubois.

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44-	CHEVALIEE DE LA LUZERNE, LL. D., 1741-1791. Minister of France to the United States, 1779-1783. Luzerne county was named for him 1786. Died 1791.
45-	RALPH DUPUY LACOB,
46.	REV. WM. WALLACE LOOMIS, Anonymous W. D. Loomis. 1815-1894. Original Member, 1858-1873. Vice President, 1861. Third Mayor of Wilkes-Barré. Died 1894.
47.	AUGUSTUS C. LANING,
48.	HON. GARRICK MALLERY, LL. D., (Lithograph). 1784-1860. Honorary Member, 1858. Trustee Wilkes-Barré Academy, 1811- 1832. Member Pennsylvania Assembly, 1826-1829, from Luzerne county. President Judge Third District, 1831-1836.
49.	VOLNEY LEE MAXWELL, (Photograph). 1804-1873. Original Member, 1858-1873. Vice President, 1862, 1863, 1865. President, 1866, 1867. Died 1873.
50.	REV. NICHOLAS MURRAY, D. D., (Lithograph). 1802-1861. Pastor First Presbyterian Church, Wilkes-Barré. 1829-1833. Well known under the nomne de plume of "Kirwan." Died 1861.
51.	ANDREW TODD McCLINTOCK, LL. D., Carpenter A. H. McClintock. Original Member, 1858. Vice President, 1860, 1864, 1865, 1869-1875. President, 1876, 1889-1891. Died 1891.
52.	EDWARD RODMAN MAYER, M. D.,
53.	Hon. Charles Abbott Miner,
54.	JOSEPH A. MURPHY, M. D.,
55•	CHARLES MORGAN,
5 6.	ISAAC SMITH OSTERHOUT,
57-	GOVERNOR WILLIAM PENN,
58.	CAPTAIN CALVIN PARSONS,

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60.	REV. GEORGE PECK, D. D.,	eck.
61.	LEWIS COMPTON PAINE,	ily.
62.	PAYNE PETTEBONE,	ily.
63.	REV. NATHAN GRIER PARKE, D. D.,	ily.
64.	GENERAL WILLIAM ROSS, 1761-1842, (Photograph). Was with Col. Zebulon Butler, Exeter, Pa., July 2, 1778, aged 17. In Forty Fort, July 3, 1778. "A Survivor of the Massacre." Private Capt. John Franklin's Co., 1780. Captain, 1788-1790. Severely wounded, 1788, rescuing Col. Timothy Pickering. Presented with a sword by the Council of Penn'a. Justice of the Peace, 1790-1810. State Senator, 1812. Brigadier General of Militia, 1800-1814. Post Master of Wilkes- Barré, Pa., 1832-1835. Died 1842.	
65.	GEN. WILLIAM STERLING ROSS, Leach	ner.
66.	SHELDON REYNOLDS,	ds.
67.	DAVID R. RANDALL,	ily.
68.	WILLIAM PENN RYMAN,	ily.
69.	RT. REV. N. S. RULISON, D. D., (Photograph). Honorary Member, 1897. Bishop of Central Pennsylvania, Protestant Episcopal Church. Died 1897.	
70.	GENERAL JOHN SULLIVAN, U. S. A., Anonymous Lawrence My Major General Continental Army, commanding the expedition against the Indians, 1779, to avenge the Massacre of Wyoming. Died 1795.	ers.
71.	RICHARD SHARPE, SR.,	ily.

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